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WOULD EXTEND CLOSED SEASONS ON MIGRATORY BIRDS.

Department of Agriculture Proposes Slight Changes in
Regulations Under Existing Law.

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Slight changes in the regulations

under the Migratory-Bird Law have been proposed by the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with a resolution adopted at a recent meeting in Washington of the Migratory-Bird Law Advisory Board. The proposals have been published, and a period of three months is allowed during which the changes may be examined and considered before final adoption. The regulations as finally adopted will become effective on or after September 1, 1918.

Owing to the continued need of protection, it is proposed to extend to September 1, 1920, the closed season which would have expired September 1, 1918, on band-tailed pigeons; little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes; wood duck; swans; curlews; willet; and all shorebirds except the black-bellied and golden plovers; Wilson snipe or jacksnipe; woodcock; and the greater and lesser yellow-legs. It is also proposed to continue the closed seasons on rails in California and Vermont and on black-bellied and golden plovers in California and Utah until September 1, 1920, and on woodcock in Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri until October 1, 1920.

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